

VALPARAISO, Chile, Nov. 7.—The reported capture of the German cruisers Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, as advised from Tokio, is generally disbelieved here because the Japanese squadron, whose approach was reported from Easter Island, was only today sighted off Callao, Peru.

The Chilean transport Maipo and a scout were sent to Santa Maria Island by the Chilean authorities and searched the coast at Punta Carranza, where it was rumored that the British cruiser Glasgow stranded. No sign of the vessel was found. The English cruisers, Defense and Canopus, are likewise searching these waters for the missing ships.

The Chilean transport Rancagua passed from Carranza to Mocha Island without getting any trace of the Glasgow. The English authorities hired two steamers under Red Cross colors, sending them out equipped as hospital ships, but without result. No wreckage or other signs of any of the vessels has been found, probably owing to the fact that the battle took place too far from the coast.

The rumor to the effect that the Monmouth is still afloat although on fire is baseless. It would be impossible to confuse her with the Good Hope, because she had three funnels and the Good Hope four.

Saw the Monmouth Sink.

The first version of the sea fight of last Sunday was based on statements made by Admiral von Spee, who arrived here on Tuesday, and was confirmed with more details through Chilean naval officers, whose interviews with the Admiral were published by El Mercurio. The Monmouth undoubtedly was sunk, for she was seen capsizing, while the Good Hope was badly damaged and was set afire through an explosion. Her fate remained unknown to the Germans, who saw her flee with the Glasgow. The British Admiralty's statement is probably due to the Glasgow's wireless messages. It is sup-

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posed that she saw the Good Hope go down. The two British cruisers, therefore, are probably lost.

The German Admiral laments having been prevented by darkness and bad weather from helping the Englishmen.

The three German vessels which entered Valparaiso on Tuesday were the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau, and the Nürnberg. The Dresden remained outside convoying a transport. The Leipzig was absent pursuing the Glasgow.

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